COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL INC.)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY AUTHORIZING IT TO BID ON A) CASE NO.
TELEPHONE FRANCHISE IN THE CITY OF) 8239
COVINGTON, A CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS,)
KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY)

ORDER

On the 13th day of May 1981, Cincinnati Bell Inc. filed with the Commission its application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on a telephone franchise from the City of Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

A hearing in this matter was held in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, on May 20, 1981.

The Commission finds that there is a need and demand for telephone service in the City of Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or

determination is made as to the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by said city or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That Cincinnati Bell Inc. be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on a telephone franchise in the City of Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Cincinnati Bell Inc., if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of the said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in said city.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of May, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

ATTEST: